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**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG
BREMER KIDNAPPING**

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DIRECTOR FEDL BUREAU OF INV US DEPT OF JUSTICE

PENNSYLVANIA AVE AT 9 ST NORTHWEST WASHN DC

BREKID COMPLAINT FILED KANSASCITY MARCH SEVENTH AGAINST DORIS

OCONNOR UNDER NAME VINITA STACEY CHARGING HARBORING FUGITIVE

JESSE DOYLE STOP NOT GUILTY PLEA MARCH EIGHTH BOND SEVENTY FIVE

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E. R. ...

Post Office Box 515,
Saint Paul, Minnesota

March 9, 1935.

Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P. O. Box 829,
Chicago, Ill.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218,
DR. JOSEPH MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232,
HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1234,
VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, I.O. 1237,
WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I.O. 1238,
WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. 1239,
HARRY SAWYER, with aliases, I.O. 1240,
MERTLE KATON, with aliases, I.O. 1241, et al;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Alice Conrad, Minneapolis, Minnesota, communicated with the St. Paul Bureau Office on the morning of March 8, 1935, and advised that she was leaving for Chicago, Illinois Sunday night, and that she would remain in Chicago until Friday night when she expected to proceed to New York City. With reference to the money which she is holding and which appears to belong to the Sawyers, she advised that she is drawing this money from the bank in Minneapolis as a "loan", and that she has no hesitancy in doing this in view of the amount of trouble she had over the matter. She advised that she has received no information from the Sawyers either directly or indirectly and that upon her arrival in Chicago she would communicate with the Chicago Bureau office in order to verify her presence in Chicago.

Very truly yours,

D. H. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.



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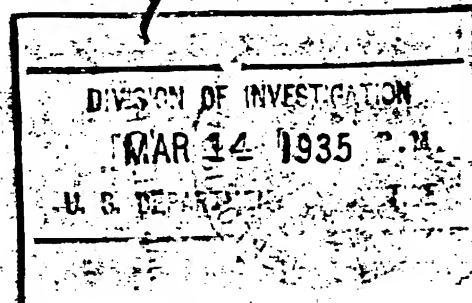
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TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT CHICAGO

BREKID REFERENCE LETTER FROM SAINT PAUL OFFICE MARCH 9
SUGGEST ALICE CONRAD BE LOCATED AT CHICAGO AND PLACED
UNDER SURVEILLANCE ON TRIP TO NEW YORK WHERE SHE WILL
POSSIBLY CONTACT GLADYS SAWYER. SUGGEST SURVEILLANCE
BE EFFECTED BY AGENT PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH GLADYS
SAWYER

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DIRECTOR

CHICAGO

5-9-35

12:20 A.M.

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NO MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS HOWEVER BEST INFORMATION INDICATES NO ONE AT
LOUIS CERNOCKYS PLACE, FOX RIVER GROVE, ILLINOIS. HAD WOMAN
INFORMANT GO INTO PLACE AND CONTACT ALL PERSONS THERE BEING
WAITRESS FORMERLY EMPLOYED THERE. VARIOUS LEADS BEING FOLLOWED TO
DEVELOP INFORMATION POSSIBLE LOCATION ANY SUBJECTS.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 4907
Jacksonville, Florida

RAA:HAM.


March 9, 1935

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE - I. O. 1218;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases - I. O. 1232;
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases - FUGITIVE - I. O. 1236;
VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases - FUGITIVE - I. O. 1237;
WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases - I. O. 1238;
WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases - I. O. 1239;
HARRY SAWYER with aliases - I. O. 1240; et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Please be advised that today Leo Mack, Deputy United States Marshal, here, called at the Jacksonville Office, and advised that the doctor employed by the Government to care for Federal prisoners had informed him that he was presently treating Wynona Burdette for gonorrhea; that the case is an old one and she is presently afflicted with a number of ulcers and that without doubt any man who has cohabited with this woman recently will have to secure treatment for this same disease.

Very truly yours,


R. A. Alt
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC. Saint Paul
E. J. Connelley at Chicago

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POST OFFICE BOX 812
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

March 8, 1935.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St.N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236
VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases, I.O. 1237
WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I.O. 1238
WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239
HARRY SAWYER with aliases, I.O. 1240
MYRTLE EATON with aliases, I.O. 1241 et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim - KIDNAPING.

On page 5 of the February issue of the Protective Bulletin of the American Bankers Association appears what is purported to be a photograph of HARRY CAMPBELL, I.O. 1236. This photograph is apparently one of ARTHUR R. BARKER, inasmuch as it appears very similar to a photograph of Barker taken by the Joplin, Missouri Police Department when he was arrested at Joplin on February 19, 1920, Joplin Police Department number 1740.

A photograph of Arthur R. Barker identical with the one appearing in the American Bankers Association Protective Bulletin undoubtedly will be found in the files of the Identification Unit. If such is the case it is suggested that the American Bankers Association at New York City be advised of its error, and that they be provided with a proper photograph of HARRY CAMPBELL for publication in their bulletin.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.

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CC St. Paul

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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3-13- 1935.

TO: Director
Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Tamm
Unit Two

Unit Four

Files Section
Personnel Files
Mechanical Section
Chief Clerk's Office

Unit Five

Identification Unit
Statistical Section
Technical Laborator

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Mr. Bryan
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Mr. Richmond
Mr. Thompson
Mr. Chambers

Unit Three

Mr. Joseph
Mr. Berens
Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Weeks

Miss McCarthy

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Send file

Do we have copy of Protective
Bulletin of A.B.A. mentioned in
attached.

APR
Supervisor.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FROM: UNIT #1 UNIT #3

3-18-1935.

TO: Director
Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Tamm
Unit Two

Unit Four

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Supervisor.

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Date 3/18 1935

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To: _____

Mr. Edwards _____

✓ Mr. Schilder March 18

Asst. Chief in Pathology

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From IDENTIFICATION UNIT

3-19 1935.

To: ☐ Director
☐ Mr. Nathan
☐ Mr. Tolson
☐ Mr. Clegg
☐ Miss Gandy
☒ Chief, Unit *One*
☐ Chief Clerk
☐ Printing Section
☐ Files

attention ☐ Mr. *Newby*

*I don't have any record of
 Feb issue having been
 read. If so it has been
 sent to files.
 The March issue was
 read & sent to files.*

LCS
 L. C. Schilder.

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March 23, 1935

Editor,
Protective Bulletin of the
American Bankers Association,
22 East 40th Street,
New York, New York.

Dear Sirs:

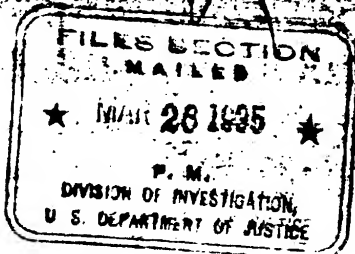
This Bureau has received information to the effect that on page five of the February issue of the Protective Bulletin of the American Bankers Association, there appears a photograph purporting to be the photograph of Harry Campbell, member of the Barker-Karpis gang and that this photograph is, in fact, one of Arthur R. Barker, who is now in custody in the Ramsey County Jail, St. Paul, Minnesota, awaiting trial.

Should you desire to publish a photograph of Campbell, there is transmitted herewith a copy of a photograph taken by the Tulsa, Oklahoma Police Department on December 25, 1930.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure No. 851900.



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

February 11, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Confiscating of automobiles used by
Fugitives

With further reference to my memorandum of February 6, 1935, in which it is recorded that Mr. Holtzoff expresses his opinion that the Division has no right to confiscate automobiles utilized by fugitives, I believe it would be desirable to return to the executors of the estate of Fred Barker the Buick car, which was recovered at Ocala, Florida. I feel that in those cases where a Division fugitive is fatally wounded and an executor subsequently appointed, some criticism may arise through the retaining of a car. These cases are of course to be distinguished from those cases in which a car is abandoned by a fugitive who makes a successful getaway.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Baughman.....
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U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box 4907
Jacksonville, Florida

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March 9, 1935

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE - I.O. 1218;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases - I.O. 1232;
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HARRY SAWYER with aliases - I. O. 1240; et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Please be advised that O. H. Mathews, formerly a Deputy Marshal, here, now jailor at the Duval County Jail, Jacksonville, who is considered one of the most honest officers in the state of Florida, and very cooperative with this Bureau, informed that he has instructed Dolores De Laney and Wynona Burdette that if they desire to have placed in the mail any communications, they will have to first be submitted to him unsealed, after which, before they are placed in the mails, he will refer them to this office for review.

Today, the following letters were forwarded by Wynona Burdette:

Letter to Mrs. C. R. Jones - sister
Turley, Oklahoma,

Mrs. R. D. Wilson - sister
Arondale, Oklahoma, and

Art Burdette - brother
907 French Street
Erie, Pennsylvania.

The above three communications contain no information of interest to this Bureau.

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To: Director

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Dolores De Laney forwarded the following letters:

Mrs. Helen De Laney - mother
365 Maria Avenue
Saint Paul, Minnesota

Frank A. Edwards
Deputy United States Marshal
Miami, Florida, requesting that certain clothing be
forwarded to Mrs. John Karpavicz, 2842 North Francisco
Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. John Karpavicz
2842 North Francisco Avenue
Chicago, Illinois, inquiring about the baby, and re-
questing photograph of him.

Mrs. Jean De Laney Crompton - sister
Womens' Institution
Alderson, West Virginia, advising her to call on the
baby after her release on March 31, 1935.

The letters of De Laney contain no information of interest to the Bureau.

In the letters of both girls, they requested that their
mail be addressed to the Jacksonville Office, Post Office Box 4907.

Very truly yours,



R. A. Alt
Special Agent in Charge.

7-24

CC Saint Paul
E. J. Connelley at Chicago

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

EAT:CDW

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 24, 1935

Time - 10^{am}

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case
On "Leo".

Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Backus	
Mr. Baughman	
Chief Clerk	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Edwards	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Keith	
Mr. Lester	
Mr. Quinn	✓
Mr. Schilder	
Mr. Smith	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Tracy	
Miss Gandy	

I telephoned Mr. Miller at the Kansas City Office with reference to the escape of the above from the Bureau Agents. Mr. Miller stated that a complaint was filed against Leo charging him with harboring Volney Davis, and the Agents proceeded to Leo's apartment for the purpose of arresting him; that the Agents who comprised the party were as follows: Shanahan, Bryce, Parry, Scott and (fifth Agent not remembered). There was also a Deputy Sheriff with the party, this Deputy having lived in the same apartment house.

Mr. Miller stated that the Agents and the Deputy proceeded to the apartment occupied by Leo, and there were three men in the apartment. He stated that while he is not sure as to how the situation was arranged, he believes that two of the Agents went inside while three remained outside and the Deputy remained across the street. Mr. Miller further stated that he has not had a chance to get the complete facts from the Agents, and does not know how they came to apprehend one of the men in the apartment and let the other two escape; that, however, it is his understanding that some one in the beer place must have tipped the men off.

I instructed Mr. Miller to immediately ascertain the names of all the Agents participating in this raid, get statements from them in detail as to their activities on the time in question, and forward to the Bureau as soon as possible a complete telegraphic summary of the circumstances; that the statements of the Agents should be forwarded via air mail and special delivery to the Bureau immediately thereafter. I instructed him to give this matter his immediate and personal attention.

With reference to the man in custody, Mr. Miller stated that this man has not as yet been fingerprinted, but is known to the Sheriff's Office there. I instructed him to immediately fingerprint this man and send his prints in so that we might be positive as to who the man is. I further instructed Mr. Miller to have this man thoroughly questioned as to the robberies of the banks at Okemah, Oklahoma and Drexel, Missouri, reminding him that Doyle had stated that these men were implicated in the robbery of the bank at Okemah.

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Memo for the Director

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and since it is known that at least six men participated in the robbery of the bank at Okemah, it is possible that the men in question are implicated; that although the man has been picked up, our work does not stop there in that we have to have some evidence to substantiate and justify our actions. I instructed him to have this angle of the matter pursued with vigor.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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U. S. Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

326 1/2 Post Office Building

New Orleans, Louisiana

February 27, 1935.

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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St., N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases I.O.#1218
Dr. Joseph P. Moran, with aliases I.O.
1219
William Weaver, with aliases I.O.1238
Edward George Bremer - Victim.
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the fingerprints of an individual by the name of Harold Jene Miller, who was reported by informant Enoch Seal, City Marshal, Poplarville, Miss., as being identical in likeness with subject William Weaver, I. O. 1238. This individual is teaching dancing around Poplarville and Picayune, Miss., and living at the Peach Tree Hotel, Picayune, Miss. and voluntarily submitted to the taking of the aforementioned fingerprints.

Harold Jene Miller, while bearing some resemblance to the description of subject Weaver, was not found, from fingerprints to be identical.

Kindly compare these prints with records of the Identification Unit of the Federal Bureau and ascertain whether this individual is wanted.

Very truly yours,

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D. W. Magee,
Special Agent in Charge.

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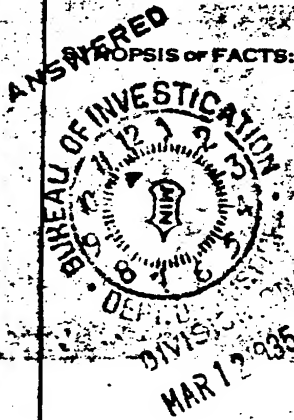
UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT ST. PAUL, MINN.

FILE NO. 7-27

REPORT MADE AT: Salt Lake City, Utah.	DATE WHEN MADE: 3-8-35.	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3/5 to 8/35.	REPORT MADE BY: J. T. McLAUGHLIN - G.J.
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases I.O. 121B, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING.



SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

William Brooks, Ex-Sheriff, now Postmaster St. George, Utah, and his assistants, unable to identify person mailing letter Manager Beaumont Apartments, Kansas City, Mo. Brooks, his Assistant Earl Cannon and present Sheriff John Cattan, identify photograph of Harry Campbell as being seen in vicinity of St. George about March 1st. G.D. Alsop, Manager of the Arrowhead Oil Co., now deceased, states Volney Davis came to Escalante Wells, one of his promotions, looking for work about three weeks ago. No information relative to Davis or Campbell could be obtained at Las Vegas, and Boulder City, Nevada. Officers and contacts there advised they would notify Salt Lake City office immediately if they are seen. H.J. McSherry, Alcoholic Unit, Treasury Department, identifies Campbell's picture as individual recently seen by him about Reno, Nevada.

REFERENCE:

Letter from the Kansas City Office dated March 4, 1935.

DETAILS:

William Brooks, formerly Sheriff, now Postmaster, St. George, Utah, was interviewed. He advised that on the morning of March 1, 1935, the clerk in the office failed to change the month calendar, and for a few hours the mail read that morning as 2-29-35; that while his clerk Earl Cannon was in the process of sorting the mail, he noticed an airmail stamp of the old style, which he commonly refers to as a "5¢ stamp". The postmaster states that Cannon brought the letter to him and that he permitted it to go on its way. He advised that he

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-4953	RECORDED AND INDEXED: MAR 12 1935
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did not know who deposited this letter in the post office. A photograph of Volney Davis was exhibited to Postmaster William Brooks, and he stated that he never saw anyone of that likeness about St. George, whereupon photographs of Harry Campbell, Alvin Karpis and numerous other associates of these individuals were exhibited to Mr. Brooks, and he stated that the only one who was familiar was Harry Campbell, who he believes he positively saw at St. George, possibly in the Post Office; that for some time there was a letter held at General Delivery, addressed to Harry Campbell, and that this letter was called for on March 1, 1935, or possibly a day before this day, or the day after, but the Postmaster was of the opinion that it was about the first of the month.

Relative to the stamp which was used on this letter, the Postmaster stated that all stamps were collected months and months ago of this type, and that a 6¢ stamp has been in use, and this is the first time that he noticed one passing through the Post Office for over a year. He stated that it might possibly come from some small Post Office located down in Arizona, or some mining camp away out in the interior of Nevada or Utah, but that none of them were sold around that vicinity at the present time. Mr. Brooks further stated that the country directly south of St. George is in Arizona, and that it was pretty bad country between St. George and Flagstaff; that numerous bad men have hidden out there, and it would be a logical place for Davis to hide if he was really wanted very bad by the Government or any particular State.

Earl Cannon, Post Office Clerk, advised that on the morning of March 1, 1935, he failed to change the month and date on the cancelling machine, and that for a number of hours that morning it read as 2-29-35; that while in the process of cancelling stamps, he noticed a 5¢ airmail stamp and that said letter was addressed to somebody in Kansas City, Mo.; that he showed the stamp to the Postmaster, who told him to permit it to go through. Mr. Cannon states he has been at the Post Office for about 12 years, and that he is familiar with all people calling for mail, whereupon photographs of all individuals were exhibited to him in connection with this case, and he picked out the picture of Harry Campbell as being the only person resembling anyone of the group, who he believes he has seen in and about St. George recently. Mr. Cannon further recalls that there was a letter for Harry Campbell for General Delivery for some time, and that someone called for it around the first of the month. He further stated that he could not possibly recall where anyone could secure a 5¢ stamp, airmail, as they are totally foreign to that Post Office, but that possibly someone who bought a supply in a mining camp might still have them, and the letter might have come in through that channel. However, he said that is the first one he has seen of that type for over a year.

Agent interviewed Sheriff John Cottan, who was also City Marshal at St. George. All photographs of the so called Bremer mob were exhibited to him, and the only one that he could pick out as resembling anyone seen recently in the vicinity of St. George was Harry Campbell. He stated that all other photographs were unfamiliar to him. He believes that possibly ten or fifteen days ago a man appearing like Campbell was seen on the street by him in St. George. To the best of his recollection he was short, thin type of fellow, with a face like the photograph of Harry Campbell exhibited to him by this agent.

The Sheriff advised that the only construction work being done in that vicinity was by C.D. Alsop, who is operating under the name of the Arrowhead Oil Co., said company at the present time wild catting on oil wells on Government land in that vicinity.

Mr. C.D. Alsop (now deceased) was interviewed, and he stated that the picture of Volney Davis was familiar to him; that about two or three weeks ago two men drove up to the Escalante Well in an automobile, description of the car unknown, possibly a Ford, and one of them came up to the well base and asked him for employing, stating that he could do most anything; that he refused to hire the man and got back in the car and drove away. Mr. Alsop states that this man positively looked like the photograph of Volney Davis. He further stated he has not seen this man about the vicinity of St. George since that time, and he further stated that he did not recall seeing any of the other individuals whose photographs were exhibited to him, which included Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Dr. Moran, and all other available pictures of the so-called Bremer mob.

E.J. Pickett, District Attorney, St. George, Utah, was interviewed, and all photographs of the Bremer mob were exhibited to him, but he could not identify any of them as resembling any stranger seen in the vicinity of St. George, in recent months. He stated however, that if he received any information of any strangers hiding out in that vicinity, he would immediately communicate with the Salt Lake City Bureau office.

All filling stations, the Liberty Hotel, the Arrowhead Hotel, and garages in St. George, were canvassed, but no one could recall seeing any of the Bremer mob as reflected by the photographs, in their places of business.

Sheriff John H. Cottan and Postmaster William Brooks were furnished with additional photographs of Volney Davis, Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, and they advised that in the event they see or hear anything that might be of interest to the Government in connection with these individuals, they would immediately call the Salt Lake City Bureau office.

At the various hotels, particularly the Liberty and the Arrowhead, the writer purchased airmail stamps, but they were of the ordinary 6¢ type. None of the filling stations were carrying any stamps, that were called upon.

While enroute to Las Vegas, Nevada, from St. George, Utah, the writer stopped at all tourist camps, but none of the attendants at these places could recollect seeing anyone resembling the photographs of Harry Campbell, Volney Davis, or Alvin Karpis, and other members of this mob, passing through there recently.

At Las Vegas, Nevada, the writer contacted Deputy Sheriff Homer Grove, who is considered a reliable person in the Sheriff's office. He stated that after viewing all photographs in the possession of the writer relative to the Bremer case, that the face of Volney Davis and Harry Campbell were familiar to him; that these individuals were in Las Vegas some time back, possibly a year and a half ago, but he has not seen them about that vicinity since. He spent practically all night making the various clubs and liquor and beer rooms with H.J. McSherry and D.W. Doyle agents of the Alcoholic Unit, Treasury Department, and a number of these places they raided, but no one resembling any of the Bremer mob was seen in these places. Mr. Grove advised that he will make constant repeated efforts practically every evening until the late hours of the morning, attempting to ascertain whether any of the individuals desired by the Government were at Las Vegas at the present time.

D.W. Doyle, Alcoholic Unit, Treasury Department, who is attending Court and making investigations at Las Vegas, Nevada, advised that all photographs exhibited to him were unfamiliar to him, with the exception of Harry Campbell, who he thinks he possibly saw in Reno. He accompanied by H.J. Sherry, and Deputy Sheriff Grove, spent practically all night of March 6, visiting places where liquor was being sold, and gambling was going on, but they reported the following morning that they were unable to find any of the persons desired by the Government.

H.J. Sherry, Alcoholic Unit, Treasury Department, stationed at Reno, Nevada, was in Las Vegas, Nevada, and all photographs were exhibited to him and he stated that the only face that was familiar was that of Harry Campbell, whom he stated he had seen previously at Reno about a year and a half ago when there was a bunch in town, and he stated that some time during the last few days he has seen this face in Reno, possibly at the Bank Club. He stated he was returning to Reno in the next 24 hours and would attempt to locate this individual if possible.

Bill Wright, 431 Fremont St., Standard Oil Station, Las Vegas, Nev., who greases practically all automobiles stopping at that station for that type of work, advised that the photographs of the Bremer

mob were totally unfamiliar to him, but that he would keep a sharp watch and immediately notify the Salt Lake City Bureau office should he see any of these individuals. This individual is considered very reliable, he is related by marriage to Special Agent K. Deaderick.

A confidential informant, who has previously supplied favorable information to the Salt Lake City office, was contacted at Las Vegas, and he advised that he was making all the night clubs and places of entertainment in Las Vegas, but none of the persons who are members of the Bremer mob have been seen there by him. It is to be noted that all photographs of this mob were previously furnished this informant by Special Agent C.E. Weeks of this office on a previous visit to Las Vegas, Nevada. He stated that in the event he saw anyone who resembled any of this mob he would immediately communicate with the Salt Lake City Bureau office.

At Boulder City, Nevada, the writer contacted W.H. Trimble, Chief Ranger, and exhibited to him all photographs of the Bremer mob, and personally contacted Warren Corley, Fred Parkinson, C.F. Peterson, O.P. Senter and W.E. Lukens, Rangers, who frequently visit the Dam Site, and observe all employees of the Six Companies. Chief Trimble and these rangers advised upon viewing all photographs in possession of the writer, that the individuals were unfamiliar to them. They however stated that they would keep a close watch on all new arrivals, which were very few, at the Dam, and if they received any information they would immediately communicate with the Salt Lake City office of the Bureau. In this connection it might be stated that the writer personally visited The Meadows, which is operated by Frank Conaro, a notorious character, which is located in Las Vegas, Boulder Dam Highway, the Red Rooster located on the Salt Lake highway, such places being the rendezvous of undesirables in Boulder City and Las Vegas.

In addition to these places in the early hours of March 7, the writer visited all the gambling establishments in the city of Las Vegas, proper. No one resembling any of the Bremer mob was seen in these places at the time of agent's visit.

E.J. Lampkin, Clerk at the Escalante Hotel, Cedar City, Utah, was interviewed, and all photographs of the so-called Bremer mob were exhibited to him, and he stated that the only one who looked in any way familiar to him was Volney Davis, whom he believes he saw about a year and a half ago passing through Cedar City.

Sheriff Fife of Cedar City was out of town, having been called to St. George in connection with the blow up of an oil well there, which resulted in many deaths, and the writer was unable to confer with him.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

LOS ANGELES OFFICE: Make appropriate investigation around FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA, and vicinity, to determine whether Volney Davis, Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis have been in that vicinity.

SALT LAKE CITY OFFICE: At RENO, NEVADA, will conduct appropriate investigation for the purpose of determining whether or not Volney Davis, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, or other members of the so-called Bremer mob which are at large, have recently been seen in and about the vicinity of Reno, Nevada, and Tahoe Lake, Nevada.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

EAT:CDW

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 4, 1935

Time - 4:45 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

E. A. Tamm

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. Backus
Mr. Baughman
Chief Clerk
Mr. Clegg
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Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Keith
Mr. Lester
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Schilder
Mr. Smith
Mr. Tamm	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

I telephoned Mr. Nathan at the Kansas City Office with reference to the request of the United States Attorney for the assistance of Agent Trainor, and instructed him to inform the United States Attorney that Trainor is under a 90-day suspension, and that if his services are desired in any way, he will have to be subpoenaed in the regular way.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm
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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box #812

Chicago, Illinois

March 8, 1935

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236
VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases, I.O. 1237
WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I.O. 1238
WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239
HARRY SAWYER with aliases, I.O. 1240
MYRTLE EATON with aliases, I.O. 1241 et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim - KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the Bureau letter dated February 23, 1935 requesting that the four bullet-proof vests recovered from the house occupied by Fred and Kate Barker at Oklawaha, Florida, should be sent in to the Bureau.

I am transmitting the above vests under separate cover in accordance with your instructions. It will be noted that the only mark of identification appearing on these vests is the following label found on one of them:

"The Dunrite Bullet-Proof Vest
Manufactured by the Detective
Publishing Company, Chicago,
Illinois."

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent M. Chaffetz in an effort to trace the above vests:

Mr. H. Lentz, the manager for the above concern of their Chicago office which is located at 1029 South Wabash Street stated that his company does not keep any records of the sale of bullet proof vests aside from the usual sales slips made out at the time

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of the actual sale. These sales slips do not furnish any information of value since it will be noted that these vests sold by this company are not numbered. He also stated that his concern sells vests almost entirely only to local Police Departments and Sheriffs' offices. He went on to say that because of the large number of raids being made by various gangs on these Police Departments and Sheriffs' offices, it would be impossible to determine from what particular office certain vests were taken.

It will be noted from the above information that no further checking can be made as to the final disposition of these vests or to determine how they came into the possession of the parties from whom they were recovered by us.

The above shipment is being made by the Railway Express Agency under prepaid waybill No. 3358.

Very truly yours,


E. J. CONNELLEY
Special Agent in Charge
(Special Assignment)

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CC-St. Paul

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March 8, 1935

Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Box 829,
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE,
I. O. 1218; et al; EDWARD G. BREMER,
Victim; KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent in Charge William Larson, dated at Detroit, Michigan, September 28, 1934, in the above-entitled case, wherein, on page 7, information is set forth relative to one or two resorts partly owned by Ted Angus, located on Middle Island, about 18 miles from Port Clinton, Ohio, in Lake Erie, just across the International Boundary, in Canadian waters.

The Bureau feels that a thorough investigation should be conducted with respect to this island, and to this end, you are instructed to proceed to Detroit and, in cooperation with Special Agent in Charge Larson, [REDACTED] b7d

It is possible that Subjects Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell have proceeded to this island, inasmuch as no investigative activity has been conducted there by this Bureau since the inception of this case.

This matter should receive your prompt personal attention.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,
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10:00 AM CEC*

Connelley

Post Office Box #812
Chicago, Illinois

March 9, 1935

Special Agent in Charge
Portland, Oregon

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218 - FUGITIVE
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EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim - KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

A review of the file in the case entitled: JOHN PAUL CHASE with aliases, ET AL - NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT; CONSPIRACY TO HARBOR FUGITIVES; MURDER OF INSPECTOR S. P. COWLEY AND SPECIAL AGENT H. E. HOLLIS, discloses that Pat Reilly, who formerly worked as a bartender for Harry Sawyer, advised that Harry Sawyer was very friendly with Wala Wala White, whose real name is White.

With reference to this person, Reilly stated that he served a sentence in the Penitentiary at Wala Wala, Washington, and that he was released from that institution within the past two years. Reilly further stated that Wala Wala White frequented Harry Sawyer's place in St. Paul, Minnesota, for a long time subsequent to his release from the Penitentiary, and Reilly expressed the opinion that probably Harry Sawyer had something belonging to him.

In this connection it is respectfully requested that an Agent from your office conduct an appropriate investigation at the Penitentiary at Wala Wala, Washington, and obtain the complete criminal record, photograph, and history of this individual.

Kindly give this your immediate and prompt attention.

Very truly yours,

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E. J. CONNELLEY

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Oklawaha, Fla.
Feb. 26, 1936.

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

It was our house where the Barker kidnapers were slain
Jan. 16. As you of course know the house was terribly damaged.

My husband or I never saw these people and the house was
rented through a friend, who said they were rich tourists, named
Blackburn, who wanted a quiet place in the country for their
mother.

We had never rented the house before for there was a lot
of sentiment attached to it. Every piece of furniture had belonged
to our grandmother or mother or father, who have passed on, and it
was dear to us for that reason.

When asked if we would rent it my husband said, "no". Then
the friend said he could get seventy-five or a hundred dollars a
month for it, and they were nice people. Then we said we needed
money too badly to refuse.

They left the hotel immediately paying the friend two months
in advance. We had no opportunity to see them, they seemed in such
a hurry.

Just as this house was finished a few years ago, the Bank of
Bay Biscayne in Miami failed and we lost every cent of cash we had
in the world.

We all know the world is better off without these Barkers.
They were imposing on us too. They didn't rent the house next door
(one that had belonged to our grandmother) and they were using it
for their servants. They were told they couldn't rent or use our
motor-boat and they were using it constantly. They owed for the last
month's rent and I even had to pay a six weeks electric light bill
of theirs, for they didn't change the meter to their name.

At first we felt we couldn't open the house to the public.
It seemed as tho these bullets went through our hearts almost. I
wrote the department of Justice in Jacksonville and asked if they
could stop the sale of postcards of the interior of our home (Pictures
that had been made for the government). They answered there was no

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way they knew of to stop it.

It was then that I decided to open the house, thinking perhaps after all it was selfishness on our part not to show it when the public seemed so anxious to see it. So the first strangers that went through set the price after they had seen it, saying it was worth fifty cents, later I reduced the price to forty cents.

We have had to employ and pay a deputy ever since the battle and I have had to remain here to keep people from taking souvenirs.

At the rate we are going we would have to keep the house open a couple of years to pay for the damages. It is hard work and I am kept away from my home and family in Miami. We feel we have been innocent victims, same as Mr. Bremer, who the Barker's kidnaped.

On opening the house we put up a big sign saying "It proves crime does not pay". Think there is a splendid lesson here which we try to bring out. When one sees how the government's bullets went through iron, steel, two by fours, walls, closets and the entire house just riddled, it surely shows the tremendous power, strength and protection of our government and the utter weakness and folly of crime.

All who see the house say they surely are glad to see the government getting rid of such people. Then they ask what the government is going to do about fixing up the house. My answer is from my heart and I tell them "I can't help but feel a government that stands for Justice will do the right thing by innocent people. I know our government doesn't want innocent people to suffer. When the whole world is blessed by being rid of these people, we too should be blessed, and not stand a financial loss".

Now, Mr. Hoover, I'm asking you, how do we present our claim? Please feel that this might have happened to one of your dear friends or family same as it has to us. We will be most grateful for any information or advice or anything you can do for us.

Thanking you kindly,

Yours truly,

/s/ Mrs. Carson Bradford,
Oklawaha, Fla.

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Mrs Carson Bradford
Oklawaha, Fla.

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March 8, 1935

Mrs. Carson Bradford,
Oklawaha, Florida.

Dear Mrs. Bradford:

The receipt is acknowledged of your communication dated February 26, 1935, with regard to the damage suffered your residence in effecting the apprehension of the Barkers during the month of January of this year.

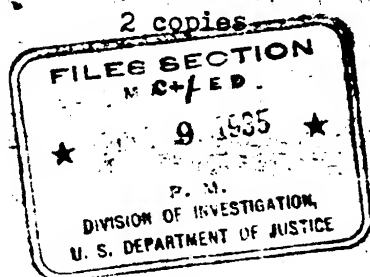
I regret sincerely to inform you that the Department has no appropriation available from which the claim for damages incurred in this case can be paid, with the consequent result that the only recourse that you would have would be a special relief bill enacted by Congress.

I feel certain that, if a bill requesting relief were introduced, the appropriate officials of the Department of Justice who handle such matters will be pleased to furnish a detailed statement of all the facts concerning the apprehension of the Barkers.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



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March 8, 1935

Mr. R. A. Alt,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida.

Dear Mr. Alt:

I have just received a letter dated February 26, 1935 from Mrs. Carson Bradford of Oklawaha, Florida, requesting information as to whether the Bureau would be able to pay for the damage suffered her residence while effecting the apprehension of the Barkers during January of this year.

I am attaching, hereto, for your information a copy of my reply to her communication pointing out that the only recourse she would have in this matter would be a special act of Congress awarding her damages suffered to the residence. I believe it would be desirable for you, or some reliable agent, in the event you are in the vicinity of Oklawaha, to call upon Mrs. Bradford and point out diplomatically that the Department has no funds from which expenditures of this character may be made, with the consequent result that her only recourse would be to have one of her Congressmen or Senators introduce a special bill covering the damage she suffered in this instance. It is customary in the event such a bill is introduced to have it referred to the committee, which in turn calls upon the Department for a statement of facts surrounding the incident, at which time the Bureau will furnish a detailed statement of all the facts surrounding the capture of the Barkers.

I believe this matter can be more properly handled by either you or an agent from your office explaining it to Mrs. Bradford in person, informing her of the proper channels through which a claim of this sort must be filed.

It is desired, therefore, that you give this matter appropriate attention at such time as it is possible.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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March 11,

Special Agent in Charge,
Detroit, Michigan.

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HARRY SAWYER with aliases I.O. #1240;
MYRTLE EATCH with aliases I.O. #1241;
EDWARD GEORGE BRECKEN - Victim.
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your communication of March 8, 1935, addressed to the Jacksonville Bureau Office, wherein the Pittsburgh Office was requested to conduct certain investigation at the Packard Motor Company in Pittsburgh, Pa., for the purpose of ascertaining whether Harry Sawyer, either under his name, or the alias of Harry Sandovich, purchased a Packard automobile or had one serviced there since he became a fugitive.

Inquiries at the Packard Company disclosed that Sawyer, contrary to information furnished by Mr. E. Corlitz, Field Service Man of the said company, did not purchase nor had a car serviced in Pittsburgh. Mr. Corlitz, of Detroit, happened to be present at the time the inquiry was made and assisted in the search of the records, to no avail. He stated that he remembers having seen Sawyer somewhere but is unable to state the locality. Mr. Corlitz stated, also, that it is his impression that prior to leaving Detroit on his trip to Pittsburgh he understood from Mr. Ibar, the man of the Packard Company contacted by Special Agents of the Detroit Office, that Sawyer or the car he was alleged to have been driving was located somewhere in New Jersey, possibly Newark, the night of Friday, March 8, 1935.

Mr. Gerlitz suggested that if the car or Sawyer has not been located, the best manner to locate them is by distributing, through the Detroit Office of the Packard Motor Company, an identification order to all Packard dealers and Packard service stations throughout the country.

This information is being conveyed to you inasmuch as you may concur with this suggestion made by Mr. Gerlitz and make such arrangements at Detroit, if they have not already been done.

Very truly yours,

J. J. WATERS.
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Bureau
Chicago (E.J. Connelley)
St. Paul
Boston
Pittsburgh
Philadelphia

P. O. BOX 1156,
OMAHA, NEBRASKA

March 11, 1935

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at Ninth St., N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Reference is had to Director's letter of March 8,
requesting my reporting to Mr. Clegg in Washington on March 25,
1935 for an assignment of four weeks.

Please be advised I am in receipt of a letter from
the St. Paul Office today, informing me that I am a necessary and
material witness against persons now in custody at Saint Paul in
the Bremer Kidnaping Case, which case will be started in Federal
Court at Saint Paul the second week in April, 1935. In view of this,
it would appear that I could not complete the four-weeks' training,
if I were to report in Washington on March 25.

I would very much appreciate the opportunity to
complete the full four-weeks' assignment with Mr. Clegg. Will you
please advise me what steps you desire me to take?

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANDEL,
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 4907
Jacksonville, Florida

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March 7, 1935

Honorable L. E. Futch
County Judge
Ocala, Florida

Dear Judge Futch:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE -
I. O. 1218; et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

I am sending you by Railway Express Agency, Incorporated, today, the following property which was obtained by Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, during an official investigation, from the house in which Kate and Fred Barker were residing at Oklawaha, Florida, on January 16, 1935, for examination and inspection:

Two wooden boxes containing a large assortment of miscellaneous men's and women's wearing apparel, boots and shoes.

Four traveling bags containing three ladies' pocketbooks, one brown brief case, one clock, one black bill fold, three pairs ladies' gloves, a woman's over-night bag containing miscellaneous women's articles and other miscellaneous toilet articles.

One Philco table model radio, serial number 7 74590.

The shipment consists of three wooden boxes and four traveling bags.

The above property is being turned over to you for appropriate disposition under the probate laws of the state of Florida since the apparent owners, Kate and Fred Barker, are now deceased.

Your splendid cooperation with the Bureau during this investigation is indeed appreciated.

BC Saint Paul

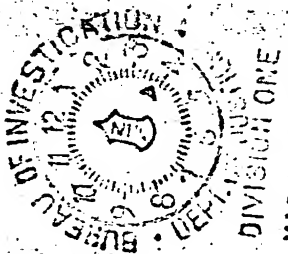
E. J. Connelley - Chicago

Very truly yours,

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R. A. Alt
Special Agent in Charge.

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Bill to Department of Justice, Division of Investigation
(Department or Establishment and Bureau or Service)

(Appropriation chargeable)

Jacksonville, Florida

(Issuing office)

GOVERNMENT BILL
OF LADING
MEMORANDUM COPY

R. A. Alt, Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation
(Name of office of issuing officer)

March 7, 1934
(Date issued)

Received from R. A. Alt, Special Agent in Charge
(Consignor)

by the Railway Express Agency the public property hereinafter described
(Name of transportation company)

in apparent good order and condition (contents and value unknown), to be forwarded subject to conditions stated on the reverse hereof,

from Jacksonville, Florida to Ocala, Florida
(Shipping point) (Destination)

by the said company and connecting lines, there to be delivered in like good order and condition to L. E. Futch, County Judge
(Consignee)
Ocala, Florida

via _____
(Route journey only when some substantial interest of the Government is subserved thereby)

MARKS	NUMBERS ON PACKAGES	NUMBER AND KIND OF PACKAGES	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES (Observe strictly carrier's freight classification. Avoid trade or technical names)	WEIGHTS*
		3 wooden boxes	Containing miscellaneous men's and women's wearing apparel, boots and shoes	272
		4	Traveling bags containing miscellaneous toilet articles, etc.	60
			Value \$100	

Size car ordered _____ ft. Size car furnished _____ ft. Date furnished _____ Initials _____ Car No. _____

TARIFF AUTHORITY
(To be filled in by general office rendering account)

AUTHORITY FOR SHIPMENT

Railway Express Agency
(Name of transportation company)

March 7, 1934 Per [Signature]
(Date) (Agent)

CERTIFICATE OF ISSUING OFFICER
(To be filled out when this bill of lading is issued for use by contractor in making shipment)

Contract No. _____, or Purchase Order No. _____, dated _____, 19____

(F. O. B. point named in contract) (Issuing officer)

(CARRIER'S RIGHTS TO SHIPPING CHARGES NOT AFFECTED BY FACTS SET OUT IN THIS CERTIFICATE)

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* Show also cubic measurement for shipments via ocean carrier in cases where required. † Furnish this information in case of carload shipments only.

P. O. Box 115, St. Paul, Minn.

March 8, 1935.

Mr. E. J. Connelly,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P. O. Box 829,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. 1218;
HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1236;
VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, I.O. 1237, Fugitive.
DR. JOSE J. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232;
WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I.O. 1238;
HARRY SAWYER, with aliases, I.O. 1240;
WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. 1239;
MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I.O. 1241; Et al.;
Edward George Bremer - Victim.
St. Paul File 7-30.

Please refer to my letter of the fourth instant relative to the claim of the subject BRYAN BOLTON with the Veterans Administration Facilities.

I am attaching hereto a letter addressed to one BYRON H. BOLTON St. Paul by W. B. Nugent, Adjudication Officer, Veterans Administration Facility, Hines, Illinois, which letter should have been attached to above referred to communication of March 4th.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

EAT:CDW

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 1, 1935

Time - 12:40 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: ⁰ Bremer Case.

Edw. Y.

Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Backus	.....
Mr. Baughman	.....
Chief Clerk	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Coffey	.....
Mr. Edwards	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Harbo	.....
Mr. Keith	.....
Mr. Lester	.....
Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Schilder	.....
Mr. Smith	.....
Mr. Tamm	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

Agent Norris telephoned from the St. Louis Office with reference to efforts being made by that office to effect the apprehension of Willie Harrison. He stated that last evening, the office sent May Green, a confidential informant, out to interview Mrs. Harrison, mother of Willie Harrison. At this time, Mrs. Harrison indicated that there was a detective next door. In this connection, Mr. Norris informed that Agent Buchanan of the St. Louis Office is in fact maintaining surveillance of this place from a spot next door. He requested advice as to whether or not this surveillance should be discontinued.

I informed him that in view of the above facts, it would not seem desirable to maintain this surveillance. Mr. Norris stated that the only doubt in his mind is whether or not he should be removed immediately, since this action might tend to throw the suspicion of Mrs. Harrison on May Green, the informant. I told him that in view of this, Buchanan should be left there for a day or so, after which he should be withdrawn. However, in view of the fact that they know he is there, Buchanan should take strong precautions as to his own safety.

Mr. Norris informed that a plan of logical exit for Buchanan is being worked out, and the same will be executed within the next day or so and his leaving will be effected so as to not embarrass the informant.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm
E. A. TAMM

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503A U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,
Salt Lake City, Utah.
March 8, 1935.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218 et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. S.L. File 7-27.

Please be advised that the confidential informant
mentioned in report of Special Agent J.T. McLaughlin, Salt Lake
City, Utah, dated 3-8-35, on page 5, is [REDACTED]

Very truly yours,

John A. Dowd

JOHN A. DOWD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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March 11, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases, Fugitive,
Identification Order #1218, et al
Edward G.P. Bremer, victim
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Special Agent K. E. McIntire is being transferred to the St. Paul Office. Upon his arrival there the Bureau desires that he be assigned immediately to the preparation of summary reports upon the Bremer case. The Bureau desires that a separate summary report be submitted upon each of the individuals who has been indicted for participation in this case. Special Agent J. E. Brennan should be assigned to assist Agent McIntire in the preparation of these summary reports.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc Chicago

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

EAT:CDW

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 2, 1935

Time - 10:10 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer case

E. A. Tamm

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Baughman.....
Chief Clerk.....
Mr. Coffey.....
Mr. Edwards.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Harbo.....
Mr. Keith.....
Mr. Lester.....
Mr. Quinn.....
Mr. Schilder.....
Mr. Tamm.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Miss Gandy.....

Mr. Alt
Mr. Alt telephoned from the Jacksonville Office and stated that he had just received a telephone call from Agent Brown in Havana who stated that telegrams have been located over there which definitely connect Joe Adams and Nathan Heller of the Park View Hotel in Havana with the above; that these telegrams were exchanged with reference to the Barker-Karpis gang; that Agent Brown wished to take an airplane this afternoon, if authorized, to Miami to discuss this matter with Mr. Hanson and the United States Attorney. Mr. Alt stated that he granted such authority, in that the plane to be used is merely a commercial one; that Mr. Brown will return to Havana in the morning.

Mr. Alt stated that Agent Brown informed him that they have the car which belonged to Karpis there, and he wanted to talk to the United States Attorney about confiscating this car and bringing it back to the United States, which he thinks can be done under the Cuban laws; that he also thinks that the Cuban authorities will let us have a very valuable motor boat which Karpis had. Mr. Alt stated that Brown has instructions to the effect that unless he is instructed to the contrary, he is to proceed to Miami at 2:30 this afternoon and telephone Mr. Alt immediately upon his arrival at Miami; that in the meantime, he is to do nothing about the car or the motor boat; that in this connection, he can be reached through Mr. Hanson at Miami.

With reference to the property down there, Mr. Alt stated that he would assume full responsibility for the shipment of the money and the diamonds. With reference to the boxes of clothing, etc., I told him to turn these over to the coroner, who is the one to administer such matters. With reference to the other luggage, bags, etc., I told him to write a letter to the coroner informing him that this material will be returned to him as soon as it has been checked.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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February 7, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Volney Davis, who was indicted at St. Paul, Minnesota on January 22, 1935 for participating in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, was located and apprehended by Division Agents in Kansas City, Missouri yesterday afternoon. A waiver of removal was obtained from him and he was placed in a chartered airplane for transportation to Chicago, Illinois. The airplane was forced down due to weather conditions, near Yorkville, Illinois, after dark last evening. In the resulting confusion surrounding the forced landing of the airplane in a corn field near Yorkville, Davis succeeded in making his escape from the custody of the Agents. Strenuous efforts are being made to reapprehend him.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Baughman.....
Chief Clerk.....
Mr. Coffey.....
Mr. Edwards.....
Mr. Egan.....
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January 28, 1935

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Re: FRED AND KATE BARKER,
Killed While Resisting Arrest.

On January 8, 1935 the Chicago Office of the Division of Investigation took into custody Arthur R. Barker. Subsequently his apartment was searched and there was found a map of the State of Florida on which were pencilled markings around Ocala, Florida, and Lake Weir. This information coincided with that furnished by Byron Bolton alias Monte Carter, who was also taken into custody by the Chicago Division Office on the evening of January 8, 1935 coincident with the killing of Russell Gibson while resisting arrest. In giving the information relative to the whereabouts of other members of the Barker-Karpis gang, Bolton was unable to furnish specific names and directions. He did, however, state that the hide-away was located in the central northern part of Florida on an inland fresh water lake famous to persons in that community by reason of the fact that an alligator known as "Big Joe" lived in it. Bolton also advised that members of the gang had participated in deer hunts on the trip made to Florida shortly before his apprehension and three deer had been killed, and that Arthur R. Barker and Russell Gibson had brought a considerable portion of the deer carcasses to Chicago with them.

It was on this information that a squad of fourteen Agents from the Chicago Division Office proceeded to Jacksonville, Florida, and within two days after their arrival had located the house on Lake Weir near Oklawaha, Florida. Investigation in the vicinity disclosed that this house was occupied by Fred Barker and his mother, Kate Barker and that it had been frequented by numerous other persons, usually late at night. Arrangements were made to surround the house on the morning of January 16, 1935. The Agent in charge of the raiding party approached the front of the house around 7:00 A.M. and commanded Kate Barker, who appeared at the front door, to surrender. She was heard to say "Let it go", whereupon the Agent was fired upon, about fifty shots striking the ground in the vicinity where he was standing. The other Agents immediately returned the fire, which appeared to be coming from a second floor window. The firing continued for approximately four hours, after which the house was entered and the bodies of Kate and Fred Barker were located in a second floor bedroom. Both had been firing machine guns which were found on the floor next to their dead bodies. A quantity of guns and ammunition and four bullet-proof vests were recovered.

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The local coroner, after a hearing, held that the decedents had come to their deaths while resisting arrest by the use of firearms.

Investigation disclosed that the house occupied by Fred and Kate Barker was rented under the name of T. C. Blackburn from Carson Bradford, who is President of the Biscayne Kennel Club. It appears that members of the Barker-Karpis gang had been associating with Joe Adams, General Manager of the Biscayne Kennel Club and also Manager of the El Comodoro Hotel in Miami, Florida.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
MARCH 11, 1935.

AIR MAIL

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, Fug. - I.O. #1218;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases - I.O. #1232;
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. #1236;
VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases - Fug. - I.O. #1237; ET AL
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Reference is made to recent communications concerning a letter received by the manager of the Beaumont Apartments, 3028 Baltimore, Kansas City, Missouri and mailed at St. George, Utah, the handwriting of which has been identified by the Bureau's Laboratory as that of Volney Davis.

As the Bureau has been previously advised, arrangements have been made with the manager of the Beaumont Apartments, Mrs. Schupan, whereby the personal effects left by Davis in the apartment have been stored in a locker in the basement of the building. Mrs. Schupan, upon receipt of any inquiries concerning these personal effects, will advise the inquirer that the key to the locker has been misplaced and in endeavoring to locate the key she will have an opportunity to communicate with this office. She has been furnished with the home telephone numbers of the writer and of Special Agents H. E. Andersen and W. E. Miller in addition to the office telephone number, in order that we may receive immediate notification regardless of the time of day or night such inquiries might be made. In addition, this office is contacting Mrs. Schupan periodically to determine whether or not there has been any developments which she has not reported. From my contact with this woman I am of the opinion that she will cooperate to the fullest extent with us.

During my telephone conversation with Mr. Tamm on March 4, 1935, I requested advice as to the desirability of stationing Agents at the Beaumont Apartments against the possible return of Davis. 1935 that time Mr. Tamm advised me that he did not consider this procedure necessary in view of the fact that it might tie up the Agents for an

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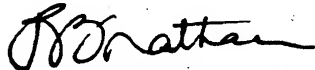
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extended period. I realize that this is true and that the probability of the return of Davis to this address is perhaps not very great. However, I don't think that we should take any chance of missing him should he return, or of obtaining all possible information should he send someone else for the clothing.

The Beaumont Apartments are approximately 22 blocks from this office, and, roughly, the same distance from that section of Kansas City in which most of the Agents assigned to this office reside. Should a telephone call be received during the day time it would be possible to have Agents proceed from the office to the apartment in approximately 20 minutes. About the same time would be required for Agents to proceed from their residences to the apartment. However, in such an event those Agents proceeding from their homes would not be in a position to have any arms, except their side arms.

I can't help but believe that the safer procedure in handling this matter would be to station two Agents at the Beaumont Apartments for a period of not to exceed thirty days in order that there might be no possibility of a slip-up in this matter. Such a procedure would not be desirable from the standpoint of tying up those Agents, but I do not think that we should overlook any possibilities. I would, accordingly, appreciate the advice of the Bureau in the matter.

Very truly yours,



R. B. NATHAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

RBN:os
cc - Mr. Connelly, Chicago
cc - St. Paul

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March 13, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, Fugitive,
Identification Order #1218, et al
Edward George Bremer, Victim
Kidnaping

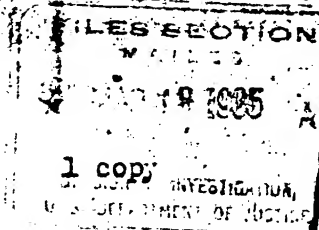
Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of March 11, 1935, advising of your belief that two Agents should be assigned to duty at the Beaumont Apartments in Kansas City for a period of not to exceed thirty days, in order that if Volney Davis or anyone representing him calls to obtain possession of Davis' personal effects, appropriate steps may be taken by the Bureau. In view of your recommendations, the Bureau will defer to your judgment in this matter, and you are authorized to assign a suitable number of Agents to this point to handle any situation that may arise there. The maintenance of this surveillance should be continued as long as you deem it necessary.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

AIR MAIL



Mr. Tolson
Mr. Backus
Mr. Baughman
Chief Clerk
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

[Handwritten signature]

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 9, 1935

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, Fugitive,
I. O. 1218, et al; EDWARD G. BREMER -
Victim: KIDNAPING

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Backus
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Complaint was filed March 5, 1935, at Kansas City, Missouri, against Doris O'Conner, charging her with harboring Jess Doyle. She is being held in default of bond in the amount of \$7500.

The trial of Arthur R. Barker, et al, for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, is set for the second week in April. A summary report is being prepared at the St. Paul Bureau Office.

There are no likely leads outstanding indicating the whereabouts of the 10 fugitive identification order subjects still at large in this case.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby
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DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 11, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

RE: BRUNO AUSTIN alias "Whitie"

Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Backus	.....
Mr. Baughman	.....
Chief Clerk	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Coffey	.....
Mr. Edwards	.....
Mr. Egan
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Keith
Mr. Lester
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Schilder
Mr. Smith
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy
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On January 22, 1935 an indictment was returned at St. Paul, Minnesota charging Alvin Karpis and others, including an individual known as "Whitie", who has since been identified as one Bruno Austin, with conspiracy to kidnap Edward G. Bremer.

The Bureau during its investigation, looking to the apprehension of Austin, learned that he had been arrested by representatives of the State's Attorney's office at Chicago, Illinois on January 20, 1935 on charges of robbery and bond jumping. Investigation disclosed that Austin, whose correct name is Bruno Putis, was closely associated with Russell Gibson. Gibson was shot and killed while resisting arrest at Chicago, Illinois on January 8, 1935. Austin was arrested on January 20, 1935 just after he had been married.

On November 28, 1932 Austin was sentenced to six months in the House of Correction at Chicago, Illinois and fined \$100 for the crime of auto larceny. On April 16, 1934 he was arrested by the Police Department at Berwyn, Illinois on charges of assault to kill. This case was later dismissed. On June 9, 1934 Austin was arrested by the Police Department, Chicago, Illinois on charge of robbery with a gun and was released under \$10,000 bond and failing to put in an appearance as required, and under this bond was again arrested on January 20, 1935, as related above.

The Federal Government is proceeding against Austin as one of the conspirators in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby.

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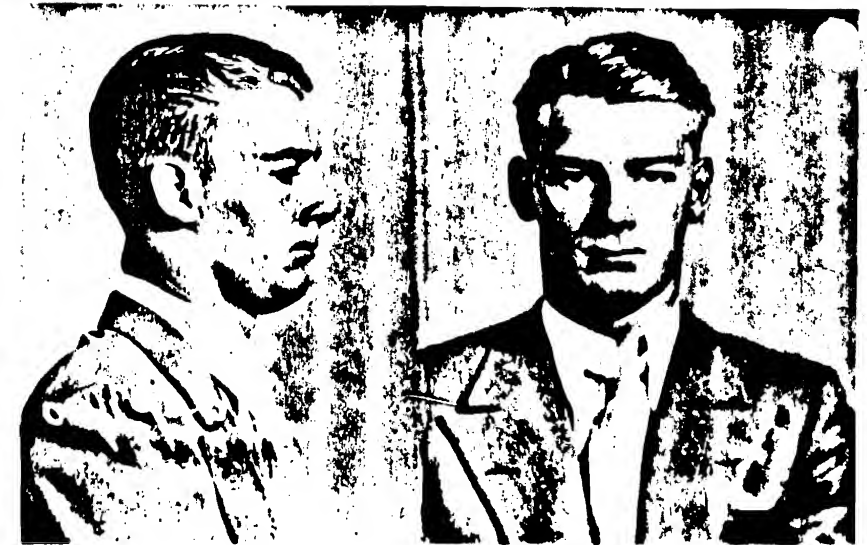
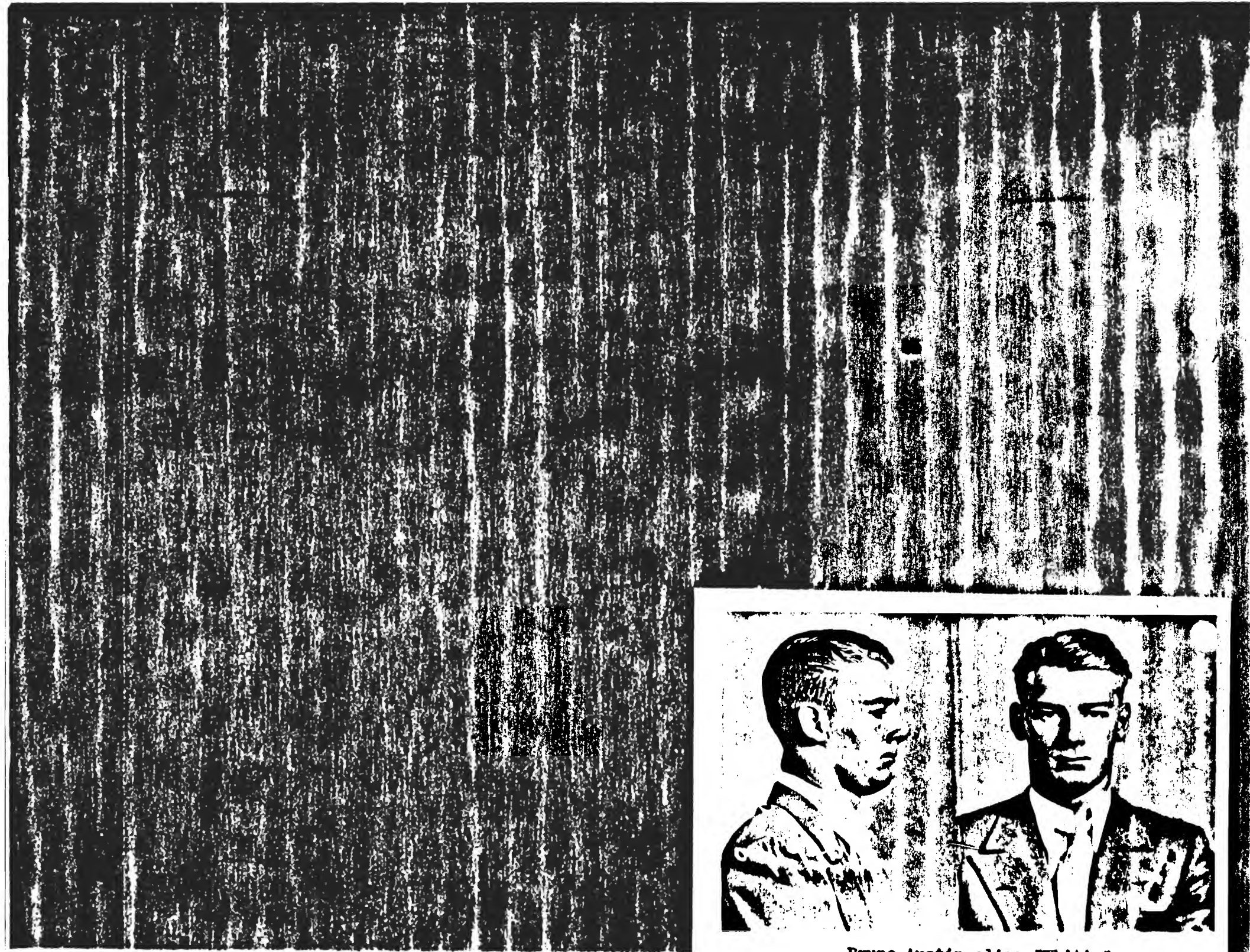
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Bruno Austin alias "Whittier"

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 1, 1935

Time - 10:55 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Backus.....
Mr. Baughman.....
Chief Clerk.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Coffey.....
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Mr. Tamm.....
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Mr. R. B. Nathan telephoned from the Kansas City Office requesting my advice as to the continuance of the surveillance being maintained at the apartment formerly occupied by the alleged "Leo". Mr. Nathan stated that the rent on the apartment was up last night, and the manager of the house wants to try to re-rent the same. He further stated that the story about the nitro glycerin being in the apartment has gotten through to the papers, possibly through the Sheriff's Office, and he believes it highly improbable that any of the parties in question will return. He stated that they abandoned the apartment completely when they fled, and only a small amount of clothing remains, which clothing is claimed by Spike Lane, who is in custody; that Lane is trying to get a lawyer to claim the same for him.

I informed Mr. Nathan that under the circumstances, it would seem advisable to discontinue surveillance of this apartment; that as far as the personal property is concerned, we will have absolutely nothing to do with it.

With reference to the nitro glycerin, Mr. Nathan informed that rather blaring headlines have appeared in the papers about it; that he believes the information emanated from the Sheriff's Office there, although the Sheriff's Office denies that they gave out the information. He further informed that the representative of the Hercules Powder Company took the nitro out of the apartment and blew it up; that two of the containers actually contained nitro, while the other did not. Mr. Nathan stated that he is forwarding to the Bureau clippings about this matter together with a letter of explanation of the circumstances surrounding its discovery and disposition.

Mr. Nathan stated that he would discontinue surveillance of the apartment immediately.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM
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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

414 Philadelphia Saving Fund Bldg.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

February 27, 1935.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith communication dated February 19, 1935, over the signature of William S. Cuthbert, Commissioner of Public Safety, Atlantic City, which is self explanatory, together with my reply thereto.

You will note Mr. Cuthbert has referred to the fact it has been rumored there is some feeling between the Bureau and his department because of the rumor that the Atlantic City Police Department does not cooperate; also the Commissioner's statement to the effect that all of the members of his department are at our disposal at all times, and my reply that such feeling is mutual.

I intend to make a trip to Atlantic City as soon as possible in order to make the Commissioner's acquaintance, as well as the Chief of Police, and other officials.

The rumors referred to by the Commissioner of Public Safety apparently are the outgrowth of the recent investigation in the Alvin Karpis Case at Atlantic City. You will recall that the Atlantic City Police at first refused to turn over the Buick Sedan recovered from Karpis and later voluntarily turned the car over after some correspondence between this Bureau and the Atlantic City Police Department. I feel quite certain that any unfriendly feeling by this department has now been dissipated.

Very truly yours,

R.G. Harvey,
Special Agent in Charge.

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DEPARTMENT OF
Public Safety
ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.

WILLIAM S. CUTHBERT, COMMISSIONER

February 19, 1935

Mr. R. G. Harvey,
Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice,
414 Philadelphia Saving Fund Bldg.,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Mr. Harvey:

It has recently been brought to my attention that there is some feeling between your Department and mine, because of a rumor that we do not cooperate with you.

As you well know, I have always made it a point to cooperate with your Department in any and every way possible, and personally meet most of your men sent to this district for investigation, etc. I have told your men repeatedly, and have written to their superiors that we are only too glad to cooperate with the members of your Department. All the members of my Department are at their disposal at any time in case they need assistance in an arrest, or to help with an investigation.

I would appreciate it if you will advise me if such a feeling does exist and if there is anything at all that we can do to cooperate with your Department to a fuller extent that we have been doing in the past.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

William S. Cuthbert
Director

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414 Philadelphia Saving Fund Bldg.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

February 27, 1935.

Mr. William S. Cuthbert,
Commissioner, Department of Public Safety,
Atlantic City, N.J.

My dear Commissioner:

I am in receipt of your letter of February 19, 1935, which was not acknowledged because of the fact that I was out of the city.

In reference to your statement to the effect that it has been rumored your department does not cooperate with this Bureau, I am of the opinion that such a rumor is entirely false. I have noted no instance wherein your department has failed to render cooperation to this Bureau.

Director J. Edgar Hoover of this Bureau has always stressed complete cooperation between the Bureau and law enforcement agencies, and I am quite certain that you are aware of the Director's policy in this regard. I want you to know that insofar as the Bureau is concerned, there is only a feeling of friendliness and good will for your department. I am appreciative of the fact that your department has always exhibited a cooperative attitude in connection with any investigative matters of mutual interest, and it is rather unfortunate if any rumors have been circulated indicating a feeling exists between the two departments.

I am personally acquainted with a number of your officers and in every instance your men have exhibited a friendly and cooperative spirit. I appreciate the sentiment expressed in your letter to the effect that all members of your department are ready and willing to work in conjunction with this Bureau at any time. You may rest assured this feeling is mutual.

I hope to have the opportunity of making your personal acquaintance in the near future.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am.

Very truly yours,

R.G. Harvey,
Special Agent in Charge.

RGH:AG.

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March 5, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau has received your letter of February 27, 1935, with which you enclosed a letter addressed to you on February 19 by William S. Cuthbert, Director of Public Safety, Atlantic City, New Jersey, together with a copy of your reply thereto, dated February 27.

It is noted that your reply indicates that proper cooperation has been afforded the Bureau by the Atlantic City Police Department and by Mr. Cuthbert. As a matter of fact, it appears that Mr. Cuthbert, if newspaper reports are correct, criticized the Bureau for failing to advise him of the identities of the persons who went to Atlantic City from Florida and who developed to be Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell. The facts of the matter are that the Bureau did not know the identities of the persons occupying the stolen car in question and, further, that the dangerous character of the individuals was clearly brought out in the police broadcast.

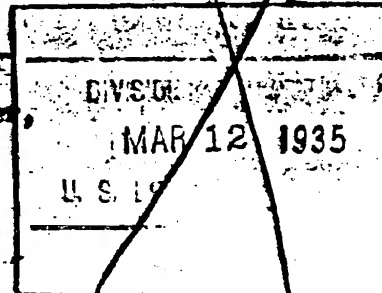
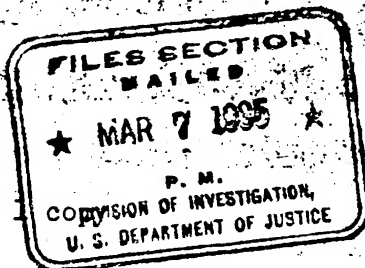
It is unfortunate that Director Cuthbert was critical in this matter since, as stated, the Bureau could not have furnished the identities of the persons proceeding to Atlantic City.

In any event, it is felt that, before writing a communication such as you addressed to Mr. Cuthbert concerning a matter of cooperation, you should communicate with the Washington headquarters of the Bureau in order that you may be furnished any available information concerning a matter of this kind.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



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March 11, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

In regard to the attached memorandum prepared by Special Agent in Charge Alt under date of January 31, 1935, I want to call your attention to the first paragraph on the second page, wherein it is stated that a woman in Cuba identified the picture of Karpis and communicated with the American Vice-Consul at Mantanzas the day after Karpis and Delaney left. It is stated that the Vice-Consul apparently took no interest in the report and told the lady to get in touch with the Ambassador in Havana. It might be well to ascertain the date of this incident and then to prepare a carefully worded letter to the State Department, making inquiry as to the facts from its records.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Incl.

- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Backus
- Mr. Baughman
- Chief Clerk
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Edwards
- Mr. Egan
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

Case: Brekid

Number: 7-576-4980

Specimens: Miscellaneous Material

Examination requested by: Mr. Newby

Date received: 3-28-35

Examination requested: Handwriting

Result of examination:

Examination by: Pickering.

Material examined

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box 4907
Jacksonville, Florida

RAA:HAM.

March 12

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Mr. Nathan.....
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Miss Gandy.....

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith the originals of letters and envelopes, one addressed to Mrs. Edith G. McDonald, 500 Trombley Road, Grosse Point Park, Michigan, and one addressed to Senator James H. Lewis, Washington, D. C., both of which letters bear the return address of Kehoe and Kehoe, Attorneys, Miami, Florida, and which letters were intercepted by the jailor, Dade County Jail, Miami, on March 8, 1935, in possession of Federal prisoners being removed from the Dade County Jail to the Federal Penitentiary in Atlanta. The author of both of these communications is Cassius M. McDonald with aliases, a Subject in the Alvin Karpis with aliases; et al - Edward George Bremer - Victim - Kidnaping case.

The above mentioned letters were mailed to Assistant United States Attorney W. Sanders Gramling by the aforementioned jailor, who in turn handed them to Special Agent B. F. Fitzsimons, Resident Agent, Miami, Florida, who transmitted them to the Jacksonville Office. Agent Fitzsimons conferred with the Post Office Inspector at Miami, who advised that inasmuch as the letters had not been placed in the mails prior to their interception they could be opened and the contents noted, after which Agent Fitzsimons opened the letter addressed to Mrs. McDonald, portions of which appear to be attempts on the part of Cassius McDonald to coach her as to possible testimony in his behalf, particularly concerning his activities on or about December 29, 1934. This letter also contains remarks concerning you and statements alleged to have been made by Special Agent in Charge Hanson of the Birmingham Office and Agents McKee and Brown while they were in this district conducting investigation in this case. Special Agent in Charge Larson of the Detroit Office, as well as other Agents, is mentioned. Reference is also made to Attorney General Cummings and other officials.

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ack
4/5/35
cc - St Paul
Detroit
Connelly
R.H.

To: The Director

March 12, 1935

The letter addressed to Senator Lewis was not opened.

The matter of having photostatic copies of these letters made and copies of same to be furnished appropriate field offices is being left to your discretion. The thought has occurred to me that perhaps it would be better after you review these letters and copies are made that the originals be returned to the Jacksonville Office for mailing from Miami in order to avoid any unfavorable comment concerning the postmark. This is being left to your judgment.

Very truly yours,



R. A. Alt
Special Agent in Charge.

Enclosures: Two letters

AIR MAIL
SPECIAL DELIVERY

March 4 - 35

Dear Edith:-

Your wire received in reference to being unable to get bond with full security New Buling Bonding Co. Also reference Judge having Bernard taking care of same.

You say in letter notified no details in Detroit or Washington

May be I am not in jail, but I am positively.

You say May have to go to Florida?

You say Have loan arranged?

Wait with bond, you are advised by whom? Only take Judges word I wired you Postal advice, sent 3 wires 3/4/35

Rankin, did not reduce Bond to \$15,000, Kehoe states, he can not find record of reduction at Clerks office or Marshall offices. Looks like Rankin only wanted that \$250.00

Give Mr Kehoe letter today from Senator Lewis & Counsel General Cameron on Cuban Matter Letters forward Feb 7 Washington to you Havana back to Washington Back care of Rankin, to Kehoe to me, March 4th 35.

About loan you handle your own money in all matters understand Dont let any one bull you dear on spending money for no results

About letters and files at home go over things see if Cossocks took personal letters on N.R.A. work. Also from White House & etc. Check over everything. Has Claude names (?) of Dept Justice Men who came into house. What they said & did

I believe Mr. Larson in Charge of Detroit office and a gentleman I am informed. Joe - B - Can find out for you for searched home, did they have warrant?

Mr. Kehoe asking for reduction of Bond to 5000. You contact him with Bernard. But I think that the only action from Conference in Washington. Some one hidding behind this whole picture, or Circuit Court Appeals

As Agents MacKay & Brown who came back from Cuba with a Mr. Heller, whose bond was reduced to 1000. from \$25000 Mr. Adams 25,000 to 10,000, Mr Randles from 25000 to 10,000. But mine same. I came

back from Cuba own free will

Mr Heller said, Dept. Agents Mack & Brown was thrown in jail Cuba by Government for trying to kidnap me out. Also Cuban papers raising hell. Cabinet Resigned and 400,000 on strike. Write Heller for papers.

Agents Brown & MacKay said to me what does Mr Caffery now think of you McDonald, we told him you have a long criminal record. I said you lie McKay & Brown only just what you are trying to make me.

Ask Washington for all files Dept Justice 1934-35 investigation they made in Cuba & Detroit of me

James H. Lewis, Senator Cousens, Senator Vandenberg, X Consul Durmont (?), Consul Cameron, Sec. Cardenas (?), Attorney General & President Mandata of Cuba. Have Attorney General Cummings & J. E. Hoover go over whole matter in Washington. Senators Lewis, Cousens, & Vandenberg can make request. Have Judge write for appointment and go to Washington with you. If not time will fly by and I will still be in without being able to get witnesses in my defense. But I think whole matter can be cleared in Washington.

Just explain what happened in Cuba, on Dec - 29 - 35 day before I sailed I bought ticket for boat with you 11:30 A.M. at East Coast Office played golf supper at 7 P.M. Cottage with Mrs (?) Phillips picture show in Biscayne Bed at 11:30 P.M. Sunday morning church on Beach at 11 A.M., Near Flumer Beans Brokas (?) 2:30 at Louis back to Hotel 4 P.M. Bath packed and you took me to boat in car, Stell, Bill, Mrs. M. & I

Div. Chief Hanson claims I sent wire to Ockawaha Fla to Man name Blackburn. Sent at 3:45 P.M. Dec - 29 - 34 Western Union stating want to see you some. signed, Cash. I don't know a darn thing about it, was with you, & Ball Saturday night & etc. Saw Joe & Mrs. Miller

I remember as we were putting car in parking lot at Everglades went to Bed at 11:30 P.M. Dec - 29 - 34.

You will have to contact Louis Hoff. Howe, Secretary to President. I wrote him, whole thing looks like political sneaky, some place trying to blacken my character with country starting 1934 Cuba, Detroit 1934 Cuba 1935.

This man Bruner St. Paul I don't know him. heard story about him fixing case, income tax, for California Clubs Baron Long ed (?) Mintakis (?) was the pay off on the fix Internal Revenue Dept., Also ran Brewery in Dry days St. Paul without trouble, and did business with National Committee & ran Campaign in 1932 Minnesota, of course I do not know him personally never heard of him until this case, and I

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am not going to be made goat for a lot of politicians fighting. Like
they did in Michigan last November 1934.

Get your Maid Louis give Claude a week off. Love to all at
home dear and things will change, when you show true facts in Washing-
ton same as Cuba angles.

Love & kisses

(signed) Mae

Did Mr. Rankin ask you about C. C. Yackey of Hanesay Wis., He is
Marathon paper Co., Logging at Stickleys

When you go to Washington with Judge you see Senator Lewis
alone and tell him about how they are trying to frame me for political
reasons and Cuban concessions, and how I withdrew from Comstock &
Pickard fight in Michigan, also withdrew support for Lacy. I don't
know about Mr. J. E. Hoovers appointment only that a max 3 years was
hunting at the Lodge, who is a personal friend of Attorney General
Cummings home City, and he may of wished appointment of Mr. Hoovers
position, but I was never asked personally to Convern him. Also
reports on M.R.A. Selective logging C. R. Smith M.R.A. may of had
reports from Dept Justice not true as to facts in Upper Michigan
selective logging

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

DADE COUNTY
P. O. Box 3038
MIAMI, FLORIDA

7-576-4980

Mr .W.SANDERS.GRAMLING,
U.S.Dist Attorney,
FEDERAL BUILDING,
MIAMI, Fla.



March 4-5

Dear Edith:-

Your were received in reference to being unable to get bond with full security new Ruling Bonding Co. Also referee Judge having Barnard taking care of case.

You say in letter - Notified to details by Albert Washington

May be I am not unfair, but I am positively

you say May have to go to Florida?

you say I have loan arranged?

Wait with bond, you are advised by whom? Only take Judge's word

I think you Postal advice - that I was

Rankin did not reduce - from

to 15,000, Kehr states, he cannot find

record of deduction at Clerk's office

of Marshall office. Looks like

Rankin only wanted that 25,000

See Mr Kehr's letter to day

from Suptor Lewis & Council

General Cameron in Cuban Matter

Letter forward Feb 7 Washington

to 400 Havana back to Washington
Beck case of Runkin to Kehoe
to me. March 4 & 35.

About how you handle your
own money in all matters under-
stand. Don't let anyone bill you
for money or spending money for no reason.

About letters and files at home go
over things see if Cossacks took
personal letter on N.R.A. work.

Also from White House & etc. Check
over everything. Has clandestine
of kept pictures men who came
into house. What they said & did.

I believe Mr. Farnsworth in charge
of Detroit office and a gentleman
I am informed. Joe = B. Can find
out for you for each home did they have

Mr. Kehoe asking for release
of Bond to 5000 April contact from
with Bureau. But I think that the
only matter from reference

get working. Some one hiding
behind this whole picture. MacArthur
his Agents McKay & Brown
who came back from Cuba

with a Mr. Keller, whose
Bond was reduced to 1000 pounds
Mr Adams 2500 to 10,000 Mr
Raidley from 2500 to 10000. But will
come back from Cuba on free will

Mr Keller said, kept agents Mack & Bur
you thrown in jail Cuba by Government
for trying to kidnap me out. Also Cuba
papers nursing hell. Cabinet Resign
and 400000 in strike. Write Keller for paper

Aggett's Brown & McKay said to me
what does Mr Coffey now think
of you. McDonald told him
you have a long criminal record
He said you lie McKay & Brown only
just what you are trying to make me

Ask Washington for all files
Dept Justice 1934-35 investigate
they make Cuba & Dept of Justice

James H. Lewis, Senator, Governor,
Senator Whelan, & Consul Sumner,
Council Governor, Sec. Anderson, Attorney
General & President Mendota of Cuba
His Attorney General Cummings & Hon
go over whole matter in Washington

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Senators Lewis, Crouse & Vandenberg
can make request. Had Judge
write for appointment and go to
Washington with you. If not time
fly by and I feel I need to work
being able to get witnesses in my
defense. But I think to file matter
can be cleared in Washington.
Just explain what happened
in Cuba, on Dec-29-35 day before
I sailed. I bought ticket to boat with
11:30 AM at East Coast Office play
golf. Supper at 7 PM. Cottage with
Miss Phillips picture show in Biscay
Bed at 11:30 PM. Sunday Morning church
on Beach at 11 AM. Near Flamingo
Beane Perkins 2:30 at Four's back to
Hotel. 4 PM Bath, parked car, motor
me to boat in car. Steu, Bee, Mrs. M. & I
Went to Oklawaha Fla. to see
Black-burn. Sent at 3:45 PM. Dec-29-35
Western Union. Stating want to see
you come signed. Last! I don't know a
damn thing about it was told you, Bee
Saturday night & etc. Saw Dr. & Mr. Miller

I am sure we are here putting
cut the parking lot at Conglader!
Went to Bed at 1130 P.M. Dec-29-34.

You will have to contact Louis
McH. Howe, Secretary to President,
wrote him, whole thing looks like
political enemy, some place trying
to blacken my character with
Country starting 1934 Cuba, Detroit 1934 Cuba 1936

This man, Bremer St Paul I don't
know him, heard story about him fixing
Case, Income tax, for California he
was the Pay off on the fire National
Revenue Dept. also ran Brewery in
Dry days ^{ST PAUL} without trouble, and did
business with National Committee &
Hearst Campaign ¹⁹³² for Minnesota, I don't
know him ^{PERSONALLY} until this case, and don't
going to make goat for a lot
of politicians fighting, like they
did in Mich. you last time in 1934

Get your maid ^{Louis} give Claude a week
off for to see at home dear and
things will change, when you show
me facts in Washington. For these
same as Cuba angles OVER Mac

Did Mr. Ransom ask you about C. G. Hawkey?
When you go to Washington with
O'Day you see Senator Lewis and
tell him about how they are
trying to frame me for Police Reserve
and other offenses, and how
I withdrew from Grunstick Richard
Bright in Michigan, who withdrew support
for Gov. I don't know about her

Mr. Hoover's appointment only that
a Bureau was hunting at the
Lodge who is a personal friend of
Attorney General Cummings' home City,
he may of wished appointment of
Mr. Hoover's position, but I was never
asked personally to confirm him
also reports on H. R. A. Selection by
C. B. Smith H. R. A. may of had reports from
Kent Justice not true as to facts will be Michigan

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WRITE MR HELLAR A COPY OF
PAPERS ON THE CASE IN CUBA HE WILL
SEND THEM TO YOU.

Mr Rogelio Collozo
Noted 25 Mariana Habana, Cuba
You had better write him to
obtain reports police kept Cuba
on my arrest. Also the evidence
report. Attorney General & President's
Mesa de la Mesa for my release. How long
Council Chamber in Havana
I would like to see to Mr. Robert M. Hays
Elite it comes back to me now
Mr. Hays just a agent said I was trying
to get G. E. Hays' job in Washington
I am sure that would be fine
Mr. Hays next a agent me. I know
Nothing about M. Hays' job. But can see
before the picture. I think I can see
it. I am a good friend of
Mr. Hays' and I am sure
I can get the papers you need then
I am sure you will need them

Albany General Cunningham had been up to Camp Hurting
about 3 years and from Mr. Cunningham
home city may be the one, or make
remarks, as to Mr. J. E. Hoover's position
Mr. Hoover has put them in the
downing light, as I have not used any
political angles against Mr. Hoover or his
actions. Mr. Hanson kept asking
me about Mr. Hoover's assistance in
trying to get Mr. Hoover's job. Mr. Hoover
reappointed March 4-35 I see kind of fair
Mr. McAdams Cabinet has all
assigned and he is going on in Cuba
It is funny, I don't know Washington
has no details in my case. Maybe kept
has given out no information, but
I am in fact I know that is a fact.
Keep your head clear and
this is all one bit OK. But you
will have to use law & politics
in this matter. I think
Washington will be fair.

March 5-35

Senator James Hamilton Lewis
Washington D.C.

My dear Senator-

Your letter and reply from
Colonel General Cameron of Cuba just
received by Kehos & Kehos Civic Building
Miami, who are acting with Judge Chas. A.
Bartlett of 311 Hammond Building Detroit
on my behalf.

Mrs. McDonald has returned to her
home in Detroit, all broken up and
a mental wreck, on account of treatment
given her by Dept of Justice against Hoover.

Senator this is some one behind
this whole picture from Dept. Justice
agents & Hoover's remarks. McDonald goes
on trying to get J. E. Hoover's position
and he would keep on that object
on any times in the 24 hrs he held
me in the Hotel room to try and
make me confess to something I
know nothing about, except paper
talk, and rumors that go around
in political circles.

As Cassians under Trust Law
of Cuba will be of some great value
in future, My Contract calls for
\$150,000. Commissioners, Nept. Justic agent
have taken my pref. Case with Contract

Bond \$25,000 Southern District
Florida Judge Ritter Assistant U.S. Attorney
Miami Fla.

My Bond is the only one held at
\$25,000. Others have been reduced to as
low as \$1000, same charges. I guess I
am the money person, who they
are trying to keep in lock.

Was McDonald offered Bond
in Detroit as result of Constitutional
guarantee in our County Court
was suspended to my request.

Only during Civil War. But it was
so in this matter by such a bond.

Please ask Judge Bullett
of Detroit and Mr. McDonald to come
to Washington get all the facts in case
along with files. They to review.

I believe you will find
this explanation. Very truly yours,
Cassius M. McDonald
& Kehrer & Kehrer Law Building Miami

March 6

Senator Lewis

More I have time to go over whole matter I can look back to election Nov. 1932.

After elections about 15 of friends, from Michigan & Illinois made a trip to my hunting lodge in Upper Michigan to go over the subject of Election of our President and to celebrate bring Michigan into fold, and the costs of the fight.

One of the guests happened to be from Mr. Cummings home, and his name was suggested, but Senator Wada had first consideration. When I had spoke with a Cuba before March 4-5.

Three guests from Chicago, at the Conference Hunting Lodge Nov. 15-32.

How can we see the nation, some of the life, now, Washington has Craspe to back up my name & character, so I control Cuban situation and by keep the Congress without bond, for immediate control. It is impossible for us to defend myself, as Washington before Committee?
 Rem. W. D. D.

would
I wish you to cooperate with
Senator Cramer, and Vandenberg of
Michigan. Ask for all the files of the
following.

Dept. of Justice Investigation of writer
Cuba 1934-35. Files of Investigation, Notes
1934, and the replies.

X Counsel General Merritt Cuba 1935

Counsel General Cameron 1934-35

President Mendive Cuba orders
for my release. Sec. of Interior Cardenas
Report 1935. Attorney General of Cuba
Report. Secret Police & Judicial Police
Reports of Cuba, which are all favorable.

Mr. Coffey's interviews with
me & a Mr. Brown & McKay. Dept. Justice
agents, tried to make me tell them the
conversation with Mr. Coffey, which
I refused to do. Then his men asked me how
told Mr. Coffey your long criminal
record, which is not true. Senator. My
only record is what some one is now
trying to place on me, and I stated before
I got concessions in Cuba, by 4 years
work, and stepped upon some nation.

April 5, 1935.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. H. A. Alt,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
Fugitive, I.O. 1218, et al,
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim;
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

There are returned herewith the originals of letters and envelopes, one addressed to Mrs. Edith G. McDonald, 500 Tremblay Road, Grosse Pointe, Michigan, and one addressed to Senator James H. Lewis, Washington, D. C., both of which letters bear the return address of Kehoe and Kehoe, Attorneys, Miami, Florida. It is noted that these letters were intercepted by the jailor at the Dade County Jail, Miami, Florida, on March 8, 1935, when they were found in the possession of Federal prisoners who were about to be removed from the Dade County Jail to the Federal Penitentiary in Atlanta, Georgia.

There is also returned herewith one photostatic copy of the letter which was apparently taken from the envelope addressed to Mrs. Edith G. McDonald. A typewritten transcript has also been made, copies of which are inclosed herewith for your information and for the information of Special Assistant to the Attorney General Walter L. Barlow. You should consult Mr. Barlow concerning the propriety of returning the original letters to the jailer at the Dade County Jail with instructions that they be held by him, later to be introduced in evidence should they be desired.

No copies of the letter addressed to Senator James H. Lewis are being transmitted herewith.

Very truly yours,

**John Edgar Hoover,
Director.**

Inclosure 301522.

cc-St. Paul (with copy of let. to Mrs. McDonald)
 Detroit " " " " " "
 Mr. Connelley at Chicago: " " "

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Chris

Immigration officer
brought these letters in
today. Took them from
prisoner who had taken
them out to mail

Joe

Mr. Tamm said he called Mr. Hoover about this.

Reference to you pages 3, 5 (back of page) and yellow sheet (6).

EAT

Enclosure:

3/8/35

Three letters were being smuggled out today - were taken from some prisoners going to Alcatraz. I have not opened them but they may be of interest to you or the D.I. - please

Cherry

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
FROM: UNIT #1 & UNIT #3

1935.

TO: ☒ Director
☐ Mr. Nathan
☐ Mr. Tolson
☐ Mr. Edwards
☐ Mr. Quinn
☐ Unit Two

Unit Four

Files Section
 Personnel Files
 Equipment Section
 Chief Clerk's Office

Unit Five

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA**

FILE NO. **7-4**

REPORT MADE AT: Omaha, Nebraska	DATE WHEN MADE: 3-11-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3-7-35	REPORT MADE BY: W. P. ELLWOOD dr
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218 - FUGITIVE; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232; * VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases, I.O. 1237 - FUGITIVE; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1238, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Silas Moline, Postal Railway Clerk of Sioux City, Iowa, reports that man by the name of Glidden stayed at a neighbors house about the time of the Bremer kidnaping and conducted himself in a suspicious manner.			
REFERENCE: Letter from Special Agent in Charge D. H. Ladd, St. Paul, dated January 19, 1935.			
DETAILS: At Sioux City, Iowa: Agent contacted Silas Moline at the offices of H. L. Stephenson, Chief Clerk, Railway Mail Service, Federal Building, for the purpose of securing possible information as outlined in the letter of reference. Mr. Moline said that he had been wanting to give this information to the proper authorities for sometime, but that he was at a loss as to the procedure involved. Most of the information that Moline had was in regard to an individual by the name of Glidden, last name unknown who has been staying at a neighbor's house at intervals for the last two years. The neighbor's name is C. A. Gotschall, and he is apparently a respectable individual, being engaged in the grocery business at Sioux City, Iowa. The first time Glidden came to the Gotschall home was in the spring of 1933. He was accompanied by a woman, presumably his wife, and stayed at the Gotschall home until about the middle of the summer. At this time, Moline had opportunity to observe Glidden, and became rather suspicious of his actions because he seemed to have no visible means of support and yet seemed to have plenty of money, wearing good clothes, and driving			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>W. H. Ladd</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-4981	RECORDED AND INDEX MAR 18 1935
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a big car, the make of which Moline could not remember. Moline also noticed that the car driven by Glidden was often spattered with mud indicating that he had taken long trips. Glidden was out at night a good deal, and would come in often very late at night, although he never seemed to have any activity in the day time. There were also frequent visitors at the Gotschall home at this time, mostly cars bearing California license plates.

About the time of the Bremer kidnaping, Glidden and his wife returned to the Gotschall home, not having been there since the summer of 1933, and at this time Glidden left his wife at the Gotschall home and went on to Minneapolis according to information received by Moline. About February 8 or 9, Glidden's wife left the Gotschall home and flew to Minneapolis by plane. She explained her haste in getting to Minneapolis by saying that her husband was ill at Minneapolis. In a few days both Glidden and his wife returned and stayed at the Gotschall home for a few days more, and then left again. Moline said that he had seen Glidden come into the driveway of the Gotschall home once very late at night with the headlights of his car turned off, and that Glidden always seemed to avoid people.

Glidden and his wife next returned to the Gotschall home about the first of November, 1934, and on this visit stayed about one week. Moline took the license numbers on Glidden's car at this time, and found that they were Utah plates for 1934, No. 116-49. At this time, Mrs. Gotschall asked Moline's 12-year old son to mail a letter for her at the post office, and it was a letter addressed to Mrs. George H. Gilbert, Salt Lake City, Utah.

The following is a description of Mr. and Mrs. Glidden as obtained from Mr. Moline:

	GLIDDEN	GLIDDEN'S WIFE
Height:	6 feet or little less	About 5 ft. 5 in.
Weight:	170 pounds	140 pounds
Age:	Slightly over 50	About 40
Hair:	Very gray, thinning	Black
Complexion:	Light	
Posture:	Very erect	
Dress:	Very well dressed.	

Glidden and his wife have not returned to the Gotschall home since November, 1934. Agent exhibited pictures of the members of the Barker-Karpis gang to Moline, but he could not identify any of them as resembling Glidden.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE SALT LAKE CITY BUREAU OFFICE is requested to ascertain to whom 1934 Utah license plates #116-49 were issued. Also appropriate and discreet inquiry should be made at Salt Lake City to learn the identity of Mrs. George H. Gilbert, and also to establish the identity of the individual giving his name as Glidden.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **St. Paul, Minnesota.**

FILE NO. **7-576-4982**

REPORT MADE AT: Indianapolis, Indiana	DATE WHEN MADE: 3/11/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3/9/35	REPORT MADE BY: F. E. Hurley, CJO
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218; et al. EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mrs. Margaret K. Burkish, New Albany, Ind., reported to be of unsound mind. She claims to have knowledge that Karpis was transported in airplane from Florida to Louisville, Ky., directly after his escape of a few weeks ago. Advises that W. E. Staples of Louisville assisted him. Is obsessed with the idea that she is a detective and that her assistance in the detection and the control of crime is necessary. Belies on the information furnished by a lady friend in the same mental condition as herself. Police and Postmaster, New Albany, regard them as harmless but unworthy of attention.

Reference:

Letters from Bureau dated February 9 and March 6, 1935.

DETAILS:

AT NEW ALBANY, INDIANA

In view of the information submitted in the above letters of reference to the effect that MRS. MARGARET KELSO BURKISH, reported to be a resident at 428 North State Street, New Albany, Indiana, might be in possession of facts that might be of value in locating the several subjects of this case, particularly ALVIN KARPIS, efforts were made to locate her. Through MR. W. S. DARNEAL, Postmaster at New Albany, Agent learned that Mrs.

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Burkish is a niece of the well known and highly respected attorney, CHARLES D. KELSO, Elsbey Building, New Albany. It was further learned from Mr. Darneal that Mrs. Burkish is a woman of good character but one who has suffered a mental breakdown and consequently, is not mentally well balanced. In this connection, Agent was informed that Mrs. Burkish has a penchant for amateur detective work; that she is reported to have taken a correspondence course in detective training; that she is a garrulous sort of a person, rather silly at times, giddy in thought and an unfortunate young woman of poor judgment; that she has many good personal qualities, however, and is harmless; that because she is morally sound herself, it is probably a fact that this has a bearing on her determination to assist in the detection and prosecution of crime. Mr. Darneal added that he has known Mrs. Burkish many years; that she has visited him home on several occasions; that he has listened to her ramblings on crime and social injustices at different times; that she entertains the firm conviction that the properly constituted law enforcement agencies for the most part are not honest and therefore are insincere in their efforts to control crime.

Agent located Mrs. Burkish at her home, now located at 414 North First Street, New Albany. She appears to be a woman in rather poor financial circumstances but nevertheless gracious, neat, refined and orderly. She mentioned having written to the Director at Washington on several occasions because of her faith in the sincerity and power of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to detect and suppress crime; that the letters mentioned and her telegram since incorporated in the Bureau letter of reference dated February 9, 1935, were sent because of her lack of knowledge of the existence of the Indianapolis Office of the Bureau; that she sincerely believes that subject Karpis is engaged in a fake world-wide lottery in connection with one JOE ADAMS, recently arrested by the Federal Government in Florida, a friend of Karpis and a former resident of Jeffersonville, Clark County, Indiana; that Karpis, when he made his escape in Florida several weeks ago, was transported to Louisville, Kentucky, via airplane, by one W. E. STAPLES, resident of Louisville, and hid in the Seelbach Hotel in the latter city. Mrs. Burkish admitted that she has no first-hand knowledge that such is a fact; that she does not know Mr. Staples; that the information mentioned by her was submitted by a close friend, one MISS IRENE GRAYBROOK, 301 State Street, New Albany; that Miss Graybrook is "a skilled and clever detector of crime"; that she has a great deal of faith in the lady. Mrs. Burkish rambled on about the belief that she is being closely watched; that every letter written by her is read at the post office; that it is impossible for her to write to any person without having her letters read; that "they", meaning members of the nation-wide crime syndicate, have her "spotted". She also claimed

that ATTORNEY GENERAL LUTZ for the State of Indiana just recently called on her in the disguise of a book salesman; that he questioned her about her theories and knowledge of crime; that shortly after the reported visit of the man believed by her to be Attorney General Lutz, MR. AL EKENY, Commissioner in Charge of the Indiana State Police chased Karpis from Louisville to Michigan, where his trail became lost. Mrs. Burkish also claimed that she is responsible for a recent State Police cleanup of an automobile theft ring operating in the Eastern Judicial District of Kentucky up to a few weeks ago; that she had given this information to State authorities about two years ago; that the credit for the cleanup by the Kentucky State Police as to this case should go to her. Agent discussed Bureau affairs and jurisdiction. She seemed greatly pleased over the attention given to her efforts.

Mention is made of the above claims by Mrs. Burkish in order to show that she is mentally unsound and that her alleged information is of no value whatever. She has admitted that Miss Irene Graybrook is responsible for her writing to the Bureau. Agent's inquiries as to Miss Graybrook at the Postmaster's office and elsewhere developed that she is also mentally unsound and a meddler; that she formerly held good positions in the political life and the schools in New Albany but that her mental condition was responsible for the loss of same. She now conducts a small grocery store at 501 State Street, New Albany.

Inquiries at Police Headquarters, New Albany, developed that Miss Graybrook and Mrs. Burkish are morally sound but that their mentality is seriously affected; that they are obsessed with the idea that crime is beyond the control of the law enforcement agencies and that their "skilled" assistance is necessary; that no attention should be given to their views or reported information. Former SHERIFF ED MEYERS is now the Chief of Police at New Albany. Mr. Staples is not known to the police. They have received no reports to the effect that Karpis has ever been in the vicinity of New Albany or Louisville.

Inquiries as to subject Karpis over a long period of time at Police Headquarters, New Albany, Indiana, and in Louisville, Kentucky, failed to develop any lead as to Karpis and his companions in crime. So far as known Karpis has never been in either city. The Seelbach Hotel, Louisville, is a well managed house. Their cooperation can be depended on. There is no evidence known to the Police Chiefs at New Albany or Louisville that a man by the name of Staples is promoting a lottery. The clean up on lottery is, and has been, vigorously prosecuted in Louisville. Captain W. A. GELTJENS, temporarily in charge of the Police Detectives Bureau, Louisville, has no knowledge of Staples.

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414 Philadelphia Saving Fund Bldg.,
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March 12, 1935.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
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Washington, D. C.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. #1218;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. #1232;
et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM; - KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto you will find a tracing of mail received
by Mr. Arthur Burdett, 709 French Street, Erie, Pennsylvania.

It is the opinion of Special Agent James L. Fallon that
the letter was written by Wynona Burdett, a sister of the addressee,
as she stated to Mr. Fallon that she was corresponding with her
brother at regular intervals.

Very truly yours,

R. G. Harvey

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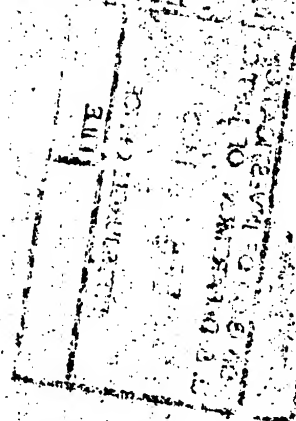
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